

	Resolution Presented to the 139th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado Regarding Payment of Expenses for the Full Deputation Elected to the 2027 General Convention of The Episcopal Church
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Pursuant to Canon 3, Section 3 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church in Colorado, the following people present this Resolution for consideration by the 139th Convention of the Church:

Recitals:

1. The Episcopal Church will hold its triennial General Convention in Phoenix, AZ from July 3-8, 2027.
2. The Episcopal Church in Colorado, as a member diocese of The Episcopal Church, is entitled to send a Deputation to participate at the 2027 General Convention so that its elected clergy and lay Deputies may participate in the important work of governance of The Episcopal Church as the Holy Spirit may guide each of them.
3. The Deputation includes persons elected at the 138th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado for the roles of four clergy and four lay Deputies, as well as three lay Alternates and two clergy Alternates, and there may be up to one additional lay Alternate and two additional clergy Alternates to be elected at the 139th Convention of the Church in October 2026.
4. The honor of participation as a member of the Diocesan Deputation, whether as an elected Deputy or as an elected Alternate, requires attendance at the General Convention itself, along with substantial preparatory study and committee participation.
5. The lay and deacon members of the Colorado Deputation participate in Deputation activities on their own time and without compensation.
6. The other clergy members of the Colorado Deputation participate in Deputation activities that may require them to be absent from their parishes for Convention preparation and participation.

7. The costs of participation, such as travel, food, and lodging, may be an impediment to full opportunities for members of parishes in the Episcopal Diocese to participate in General Convention, whether as lay or deacon members who may be required to expend their own funds and take personal leave from their jobs to attend, or as clergy members for whom the expenses associated with participation may fall on a parish that is unable to provide such financial support.

8. In recent years, the Diocese of Colorado has provided transportation, lodging and food funding only for the elected Deputies and the First Alternates. This leaves three lay members of the Deputation, and three clergy members, without reimbursement for the out of pocket costs of their Convention participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the people subscribed hereto submit the following resolution for consideration by the 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado:

RESOLVED, that henceforth the annual budget of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado shall include sufficient funds to be held by the Treasurer so that, in the year of each triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church, the anticipated reasonable travel, lodging and food expenses of the entire elected General Convention Colorado Deputation shall be budgeted by the Diocese to support the full participation of all members of the Deputation. The amount actually expended by the Diocese shall neither exceed the actual expenditures of the Deputation, nor the amount budgeted.

Fiscal Note:

Under the current program, the Treasurer calculates the reasonably anticipated travel, lodging and food expenses required by each member of the Triennial General Convention Deputation, and sets aside one-third of such required expenses in each annual Diocesan budget, so that in the year of the Convention the full amount is available. This budgeted amount covers the Deputies and the first alternate. The current General Convention format requires seven nights and eight days of on-site participation, as well as substantial pre-convention study and on-line meeting participation, and our deputation has traditionally included all of the Deputies and alternates. If we assume a budget of 7 days x \$200 per room, 7 days x \$100 for food, and \$700 for travel, this would set a total approximated expenditure of \$2,800 per attendee. Based on these assumptions, for the current 4 lay plus 4 clergy plus 2 alternates, that is \$28,000. To add the additional six alternates would come to an additional cost of \$16,800 in the year of General Convention. This would constitute a full Deputation budget allocation of \$44,800, to be divided among 3 years, for a total Deputation allocation of \$14,933 per year.